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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS: RESPONSE TO INVITE ON FUEL SUPPLY

ASSURANCES MEETING

REF: A. STATE 185383

1B. STATE 180457
1C. THE HAGUE 2666

11. Polmiloff delivered reftel A letter to the Office of Robert de Groot, Head of the MFA's Department of Security Policy, on October 5.

12. Polmiloff received the same day the following response from the Office of Hugo Siblesz to U/S Joseph's September 26 letter (ref B) inviting him to participate in the October 12 fuel supply assurances meeting in London. As anticipated ref C, Siblesz will not be able to attend in person; the Dutch plan to be represented by a team headed by de Groot. Full text of letter follows in para 3.

13. Begin text:

Mr. R.G. Joseph
Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security
State Department

Den Haag, October 2005

Dear Mr. Joseph,

Thank you for your letter dated September 26, 2005, in which you invite me to participate in a meeting to discuss the way forward on fuel supply assurances as a follow-up to the meeting that was held in Paris on September 9.

As I mentioned earlier in my letter of September 30, the Netherlands will continue to work constructively with the United States and others in order to accomplish progress regarding the aim to establish a mechanism to provide assured access to nuclear fuel for countries that forgo enrichment and reprocessing. I therefore highly appreciate the invitation to the meeting in London on October 12.

I will however not be able to attend the meeting. The Director for Security Policy, Mr. Robert de Groot, will participate instead. He will be accompanied by Mr. Paul Wilke, Head of the Nuclear Affairs and Non-Proliferation Division.

At the meeting at expert level the following day, October 13, the Netherlands delegation will consist of:

Mr. Paul Wilke, Head of the Nuclear Affairs and Non-Proliferation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mrs. Marlies Hoedemakers, Senior Policy Advisor, Energy Production Directorate, Ministry of Economic Affairs

In addition, a Urenco representative will participate on behalf of Urenco (Germany, United Kingdom, and the Netherlands): Dr. P.C. Upson, CEO Enrichment Technology Company Ltd and chairman of the World Nuclear Association's working group on "the industry approach to reliable access to nuclear fuel."

Mr. H.H. Siblesz
Director General of Political Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

End text.

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